

# Software Underground

## Board Meeting

26 Sep 2023

Minutes are recorded in green.

### Agenda

**We will start at 15.00 UTC on Tuesday 26 Sep 2023. Quorum is 5.**

**Chair: The chair is TBD.**

**Regrets: Matt, Dieter, Matteo**

**Present: Santi**

**Visiting:**

### Previous meeting

Previous meeting minutes are on GitHub:

<https://github.com/softwareunderground/swung-org/blob/main/board>

### Remarks

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### Mattermost

We decided to move ahead with Mattermost.

The Slack renewed on 23 September for USD 555. I think it would be good to have moved away before 23 October so we avoid another charge. A big ask, but potentially do-able.

Joergen was to provide a proposal, hopefully we will have reviewed it, and even approved it, before this meeting.

### Remarks:

- **Joergen already put the instance online**

- The server is now configured to allow new users to create their accounts without any invitation. The processes was documented in: <https://github.com/softwareunderground/mattermost/pull/1>
- Santi started a PR for archiving Joergen's proposal: <https://github.com/softwareunderground/swung-org/pull/7>

## Parking lot / next meeting

These items will go into the next board meeting(s):

- We still need to update the tech spreadsheet: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mNAGEgQNvfZem5zY38u9etn200aFWbE2zjLcMEdiL4Y/edit?usp=sharing>
- Check the status of receipt for Swung membership/donations (so it can potentially be deducted / charged to the employer like the membership of other professional societies).
- Mattermost:
  - Should we allow users to create their own Teams?
  - Fatiando is interested in having its own Team within Swung's Mattermost instance, rather than a single channel (as they currently have in Slack).
  - Is it possible to point people from a channel in one Team to a channel in another Team? Such a setup would create silos or would favor interactions?
- The following items that were scheduled for this meeting:

## Mastodon

In August we discussed having a short tutorial, led by Leo, on Mastodon. Swung would set up a small server ahead of time, on which people can register. AFAIK, we have not progressed this, but with the recent X stuff (eg paid accounts) I think it's clear.

### Remarks:

- Audience in LinkedIn != audience in Mastodon or Twitter

## Financial support for BIRS meeting

This should have been dealt with by now. Matt was in the process of paying the recipients..

### Remarks:

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## Events

**Transform:** feedback leans towards doing this in April 2024, to align better with the academic calendar. We can swing into action around Nov/Dec to start getting things lined up.

### Remarks:

- We should consider EGU General Assembly happening April 14-19

## Next meeting

Is already set up for October, check your calendars.

### Remarks:

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## Any other business

None.

### Remarks:

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